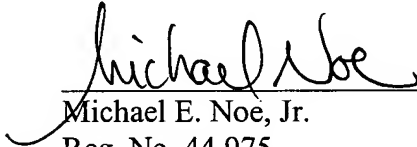


### **REMARKS**

Applicant appreciates the suggestion offered by the Examiner to overcome the objection to claim 20. Applicant completely but respectfully disagrees with the rejection of the other claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103. However, in the interest of furthering prosecution of claim 20, Applicant has rewritten claim 20 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prosecution of the canceled claims may be taken up in subsequent action.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 20 is in condition for allowance and favorable action is requested. No extension of time is believed to be required. However, in the event that an extension of time is required, please charge that extension fee and any other required fees to **Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P.'s Deposit Account Number 50-0259.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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